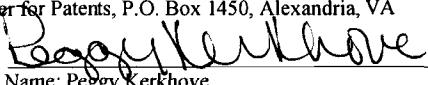


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Serial No.: 10/578988 Group Art Unit: 1795
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US 2007/0138026	10/598,001	August 15, 2006	1795
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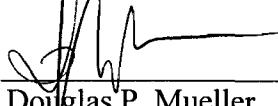
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